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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE PATENTS**  
(Attorney Docket No. 111465.129)

**In re Application of:** Phan, et al.  
**Serial No.:** 10/038,297  
**Filing Date:** January 4, 2002  
**Title:** DUAL BEAD ASSAYS INCLUDING COVALENT LINKAGES FOR IMPROVED SPECIFICITY AND RELATED OPTICAL ANALYSIS DISCS

Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION AND FEE FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO  
37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(5) TO RESPOND TO THE OFFICE ACTION  
MAILED MARCH 8, 2002**

Commissioner:

Applicants hereby request that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 8, 2002 be extended for five months' time, up to and including October 8, 2002.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee of \$980,000 for filing the request for extension of time to Deposit Account No. 50-1781. This fee amount reflects the Small Entity status of this application. Please charge any overpayments or credits to Deposit Account No. 50-1781.

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